

## Term 4 - Week 7 Newsletter

Respect

Responsibility

Personal Best

### Kindergarten Orientation

Our Kindergarten students for 2021 are amazing young people, despite not being able to participate in our usual extended Smart Starters program. The two days of orientation went extremely smoothly and allowed us to get to know the little personalities behind the smiles. At this point in time, we will have two straight Kindergarten classes for 2021 which is very exciting. I extend huge thanks to Mrs Leanne Jarlett and Mrs Amanda King for their organisation, especially with the current COVID-19 guidelines. I would also like to thank Mrs Alissa Francis, Miss Melissa Riley, Miss Jordan Bousfield, Ms Gillian French, Mrs Cheryl Brown and Mrs Sarah O'Connor for the different roles they played in ensuring our new students were settled and having fun. We look forward to welcoming many new families into the Greta Public School family.



### Presentation Day

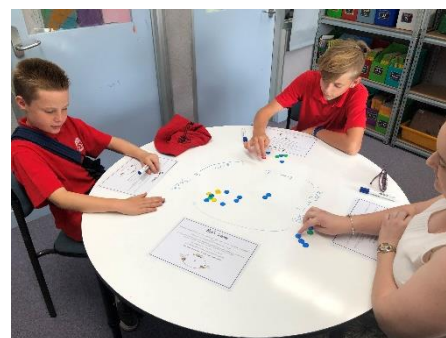
We are very excited to say that we can accommodate one adult per family for any student who is receiving an award for Presentation Day on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> December. Letters will be sent out to each family who has a child receiving an award on Monday, 30 November via their child. Please ask your child if they have an envelope in their bag. This celebration of achievement will be livestreamed to all classrooms on the day, so that all of our students and staff can participate. Students receiving an award will be in attendance in the hall. We will be following current COVID-19 guidelines so that we can have someone from each family in attendance. We know this is not ideal. However, we are able to accommodate some parents which is quite different to so many other schools at this point in time. Please know that we miss our families coming on site on a regular basis, we miss the congregation around the big tree between the canteen and heritage building, we miss family members being in our classrooms to assist us. Let's all wish for further relaxed restrictions as we move into 2021.

### Year 7 2021 High School Orientation Day

All high schools are hosting their Year 7 2021 students for an orientation day on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> December. Rutherford Technology High School (RTHS), our feeder high school, emailed this information to all of our families on Tuesday, it was posted on our school Facebook page and was sent home as a note. If your child is not attending RTHS in 2021, you should have received information from the school your child will be attending.

### Miss Riley's TIPS Program

I just want to share the wonderful work that a targeted group of our Year 6 students are doing with Miss Riley in the areas of reading/comprehension and mathematics. Recently I had the opportunity to watch Blake and Jake solve a complex maths problem that involved a great deal of trial and error and their very sweaty brains. It was wonderful to listen to their mathematical reasoning and watch the moment the 'light bulb' came on for both of them. Miss Riley's program is designed to focus on a group of students who are sitting close to the top two bands in Reading and Numeracy. We will certainly be watching their 2021 results with anticipation next year!



*Mrs Sharon Morris - Principal*

### Important Dates for your Term 4 Diary

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	High School Orientation Day
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day to submit uniform orders for 2021
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	School Leader Speeches
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	House Leader Speeches
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Presentation Day
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Non-perishable food donations due
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Farewell
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term for all students and Year 6 Fun Day

### Out of School Hours Care Survey

As part of the NSW Government's \$120 million Before and After School Care (BASC) commitment, parents at all NSW schools were recently invited to complete a Have Your Say survey. The survey asked parents to tell us how they are using Out of School Hours Care, how much it costs them, whether they plan to keep using it, and what difficulties they experience in accessing it. The survey results have helped us to better understand the needs of families and what's important to them. We are now asking all parents to complete a quick follow-up survey by this evening.

You can access the survey at <https://surveys.education.nsw.gov.au/s3/OSHCParentSurvey>. This information will help us to target the rollout of more before Out of School Hours Care services in the right areas. If your child does not require Out of School Hours care, we ask that you please still complete the first section of this survey as it gives us important information about the level of demand at your school. If you have any questions, please contact the BASC Program team by phone on 1300 244 145 or email at: [BASCReform@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:BASCReform@det.nsw.edu.au)



ALL YOU NEED IS  
THIS VOUCHER!

**\$9.90\***

ALL TICKETS

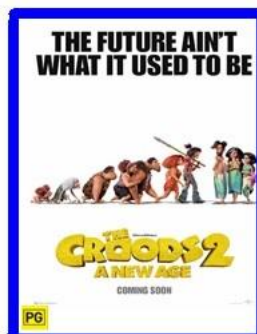
Bring this coupon to Majestic Cinemas  
Singleton for a \$9.90 movie ticket

**Valid Until: 27th Jan, 2021**

\*Conditions: coupon must be surrendered to receive ticket offer. Not valid with any other offer. Coupon valid for up to 4 tickets per use.

**PH: 6571 5252**  
**WWW.MAJESTICCINEMAS.COM.AU**

Not valid for special events. Not available online.



## K-2 Excursion to Oakvale Farm

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November, K-2 students visited Oakvale Farm to meet some of the animals that they have been learning about during informative writing this term. When we arrived, we went on a tractor ride around the park and learnt lots of fun facts about all the animals. We then went to the koala talk and got to pat a young koala followed by the baby farm animal talk where we got to feed the baby goats and other farm animals. Following that we listened to a reptile talk and got to meet and pat some of the parks' reptiles. After lunch we had free time around the park to look at the animals and feed the kangaroos. All students had a fabulous day.



## Stage 2 Excursion to Hunter Wetlands Environmental Education Centre

In Week 4, Stage 2 visited the Hunter Wetlands Environmental Education Centre and spent the day being eco warriors. They investigated how to design energy efficient houses through carefully placing windows and using insulation. They looked at how solar energy works and how solar energy can create power to make devices work, and they looked at how to reduce, re-use, and recycle right to avoid creating too much rubbish. It was a valuable day that tied in well with the science unit “Material World” and our overall theme of sustainability.



### Stage 3 Excursion to Hunter Wetlands Environmental Education Centre

This week, Stage 3 students had the opportunity to attend the Wetlands Environmental Education Centre, where we developed our knowledge of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) and sustainable energy practices. Students (and teachers) were challenged to harness potential energy and release it as kinetic energy as we raced our cotton reel cars. We explored wind turbines with a different number of blades and different length blades to see which produced the most amount of energy.



Finally, we put a spotlight on solar energy and explored which direction (North, South, East or West) generated the most power and tested which light globe was the most energy efficient by riding an energy bike.



### Student Parliament- Student Voice in Action

Student Parliament is an opportunity for our students to be empowered students through active involvement in a fully functioning democratic model. At our most recent sitting of Student Parliament, Stage 3 students put forward a number of motions for debate to be voted upon:

- Minister for Hockley proposed another fundraiser for families who may be experiencing financial difficulty at this time- motion passed
- Minister for Swaine suggested a change in the bell and this motion was also passed

*Mrs Sharon Crooks*  
*Assistant Principal*



**Week 6 Term 4 Stage Assembly Awards**

	Class Awards	PBL Awards
KB	Lucy W	Oliver W
	Mahlia F	Maddison W
K/1R	Kyle C	Jaxon R
	Trace J	Evelyn W
1/2B	Meredith T	William H
	Aria R	Indi W
1/2H	Emery S	Freya J
	Travis B	Hunter H
3 / 4H	Keely S	Nadar W
	Avah L	Marley C
	Kasady S	
3/ 4R	Benjamin Y	Deagen B
	Eli S	Sophie S
	Bella Q	
5/6C	Isabelle H	Coby S
	Joshua J	Meyah L
	Zahlan T	
5/6Q	Jake M	Lilly L
	Blaze J	Abigail L
	Cailin J	

**Snack Shack News**

As the term quickly comes to an end, I wanted to thank those that volunteered their time to the canteen this year. You adapted to the changes due to COVID-19 and overcame any of the challenges the pandemic put to us. These volunteers play a vital role in keeping our canteen open.

The canteen will be closing from end of lunch on Friday, 11 December until next year.

ONE-OFF, END OF TERM SPECIALS – Please note that: numbers are limited.

- 2 chicken tenders for \$2, limit of 2 per lunch order
- Mini slushies, various flavours, 50c, available at lunch only

Some items will become unavailable as the canteen winds down. A daily list will be put on the parent Facebook page of items no longer in stock.

Thank you to the parents and children for their patronage during the year, I have really enjoyed meeting you, and/or working with you. Without you there would be no canteen.

Have a merry and safe Christmas break.



Tracey White  
Canteen Coordinator